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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: SNAR TH  
SUBJECT: USE OF ARTICLE 21 AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKERS

1. BANGKOK POST REPORTS (SEPT 29) THAT POLICE NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION CENTER HAS RECOMMENDED TO POLICE GENERAL MONTCHAI PHANKONGCHUEN, CHIEF OF THAI POLICE, THAT LAO FAN AND LAO SU, TWO MID-LEVEL TRAFFICKERS, BE EXECUTED UNDER ARTICLE 21. GENERAL MONTCHAI MUST FORWARD RECOMMENDATION TO PM THANIN, WHO, UNDER ARTICLE 21 OF PRESENT CONSTITUTION HAS POWER TO SUMMARILY PUNISH THOSE WHO COMMIT ACTS DANGEROUS TO NATIONAL SECURITY. POLICE ARRESTED LAO FAN, AKA FAN TZU-HSIANG, JULY 14, WHILE LAO SU WAS APPREHENDED AUG 20. RECOMMENDATION IS RESULT OF INVESTIGATION BEGUN AFTER ARREST OF LAO FAN AND JUST COMPLETED.

2. COMMENT: RECOMMENDATION OF SUCH ACTION AGAINST LAO FAN LONG ANTICIPATED BY EMBASSY, AND WE EXPECT HIS EVENTUAL EXECUTION. SIMILAR TREATMENT OF LAO SU, THOUGH UNEXPECTED, IS NOT SURPRISING, GIVEN RTG'S CONCERN WITH NARCOTICS AND DETERMINATION TO DISCOURAGE DRUG TRADING BY PUNISHING MAJOR TRAFFICKERS SEVERELY.  
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